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the Day



By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

BRIGHT GREEN tissue faille makes this classic a smart dress for all day wear. It has a simple bodice with a neat little collar and a red and gold embroidered monogram. The red belt slips through loops at the set-in waistband above a skirt that is gored and fairly narrow.

This is a line that has been taken by so many of the new clothes both casual and dressy.

"BLUE" MARK IN 1949 MINK HISTORY

By ROBERT L. HERTZLER

SEATTLE BLUE blood does not mean a thing in a mink. It's blue fur that puts a family of mink up among the socially select.

In the northwest, where fur breeding is a \$20,000,000 annual business, buyers for 300 fur garment manufacturers scattered from Paris to St. Louis gather once a year for a mutation mink sale. The dark brown pelts which once represented that acme of mink perfection don't get a look-in. The mutations are the pelts taken from freak animals whose blood lines have been constantly interwoven until a standard colour strain is established. At the Seattle sale the various copyright brands of fresh mink command prices that would give an honest husband heart failure.

Silverblu

The original "Silverblu" mink coat appeared on the market in December, 1942. It was snapped up for \$18,000. The first all-white mink creation sold for around \$25,000. In Canada, one mink rancher has produced a litter of seven Palomino or golden yellow mink that couldn't be bought alive for a figure speeded with less than three commas.

Seattle put itself on the map as a mutation mink centre in 1945. That was the year royal pastel was offered to the waiting world.

Fur buyers figured the odds in favour of the average blonde wanting one of the honey-coloured coats, and happily put up an average of \$172 per skin.

Experiments in mutation mink breeding began in Wisconsin in 1931. Today there are literally dozens of commercial brands of blue mink. It would take either a colour expert or a poet to decide which is the bluest.

"Alcuits" on Sale

To the unpractised eye, "silverblu" looks to be about the colour and texture of cigarette smoke. The other brands can be classed as lighter or darker smoke—ranging from steam to smudge pot.

The year 1949 will mark another milestone in blue mink history, too. A limited quantity of the fabulous "Alecuan Blue" strain was offered at a New York auction on Feb. 28. The remarkable thing about "Alecuan" as the experts fondly refer to it, is that it's all blue from its long guard hairs down to the roots of its underfur.

But before you rush out to find a mink blend to match the lady's new dress, consider that the average coat takes 60 skins. The top auction price for each skin is around \$60 today. By the time each pelt finds its way into a coat, its retail value has risen fourfold. Add the tax and figure it out.

Paris Dictates New Shades This Spring

By SALLY SWING

PARIS MORE excitement than usual was in the air concerning the recent Paris spring fashion openings.

Everybody is tired of the "new look." Skirts already are jacked up to 13 inches from the floor by most chic Parisians, and everybody's asking, "what will the new look be?"

Designers in spring showings in Paris characteristically launch daring ideas, sometimes several new trends, and following the world's reactions they howl and whittle to consolidate the new autumn line by August.

Word has spread that Christian Dior is planning a complete change, if not away from his pinched-in waists, then in skirt cuts and jacket lengths.

Designs are such a closely guarded secret, however, that it is impossible to check the rumours. However, here is some news which may help:

SOME HINTS

1. Skirts, from all counts, will be shorter than ever this season, ranging from just-below-the-knee in some instances to a slightly longer than mid-calf length for afternoons and evenings.

2. Colours will see a complete revolution. For the last ten years, women have concentrated on the blue side of the spectrum with purples,

pinks, blue-greens, blue pinky grays, beiges and blacks. This year, judging from cloth collections, Paris is whirling the spectrum around to the orange side. You will see brilliant orange, chrome yellows, vermilion, rusty browns and warm terra cotta, apple green and pale sky blue with yellow the secondary colour in it, instead of red. Pink and purple look as if they'll be forgotten this year.

3. Milliners will show lots of straw, especially a lovely supple Italian weave. In their spring showings, hats are brimmed, often with many layers, crowns are small and head-hugging but don't put it on straight, because hats are lopsided this year as never before.

"ASYMMETRICAL"

Great scallop brims will whirl around the head, leaving the left half of the head bare, and swooping down over the right ear into a kind of "profile hat."

Hat designers here prefer that you may "asymmetrical" instead of top-sided, because they maintain that even if the hat comes down on one side and leaves the other almost bare, the crown will sit back snugly and straight on the back of the head.

The "down in front" look in hats, characterized by the face-framing cloche and flower pot types, will be continued, with wider looping brims and parts of the crown left bare on one side to show the hair.

4. According to one expert, shoulders will remain unpaddinged and sloping, and he says look for back interest in the coming showings.

Countering Measles & Chickenpox

By Herman N. Bundeser

WITH the rapid development of science during the past few years, we have discovered that within the blood there are substances known as immune bodies which help the body to throw off infections.

Most of these substances are in the protein part of the blood known as the gamma globulin fraction. Thus, gamma globulin may prevent or make measles milder and may do the same for scarlet fever, German measles, whooping cough, chickenpox, and a liver condition known as hepatitis.

Measles

Gamma globulin is given by injection into a muscle. It causes only slight local reactions. It may be given safely to persons who are allergic or over-sensitive. It is not advised that it be given by injection into a vein.

In measles, in about three-fourths of the cases, the injection of gamma globulin will produce complete protection against the disease for three or four weeks. The injection seems to prevent disease in about a third of the cases and makes it much milder in the remainder. It is advised that the substance be given within six days after exposure to the disorder.

For Children

All children under three years of age, and those in poor health should be protected against measles, if possible. For others, it may be advisable to give a lesser dose of the gamma globulin. This does not prevent the disease, but the attack is made milder. In this way, the child secures immunity to the disorder.

Epidemics of a liver condition, known as infectious hepatitis, may occur. It has been found that with the gamma globulin, 80 percent of those receiving the gamma globulin are protected against this condition. It is suggested that at present this protection against infectious hepatitis be limited to the protection of those having other diseases, pregnant women, and those working in military institutions. The gamma globulin appears to have no effect against this disorder after it occurs.

Cases of Mumps

The gamma globulin does not seem to have any effect in mumps, but will prevent chickenpox. It may be used in children's hospitals to prevent contagious diseases where cross-infection with chickenpox might be frequent.

It has been found, too, that gamma globulin administered to babies with whooping cough may shorten the course of the disease, reduce the severity, and lessen the number of complications.

Gamma globulin has also been found quite helpful in treating scarlet fever and in lessening the number of complications of this disease.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

TO many London youngsters, the word "museum" conjures up something much more exciting than a long row of dusty exhibits in glass cases bearing unintelligible Latin names.

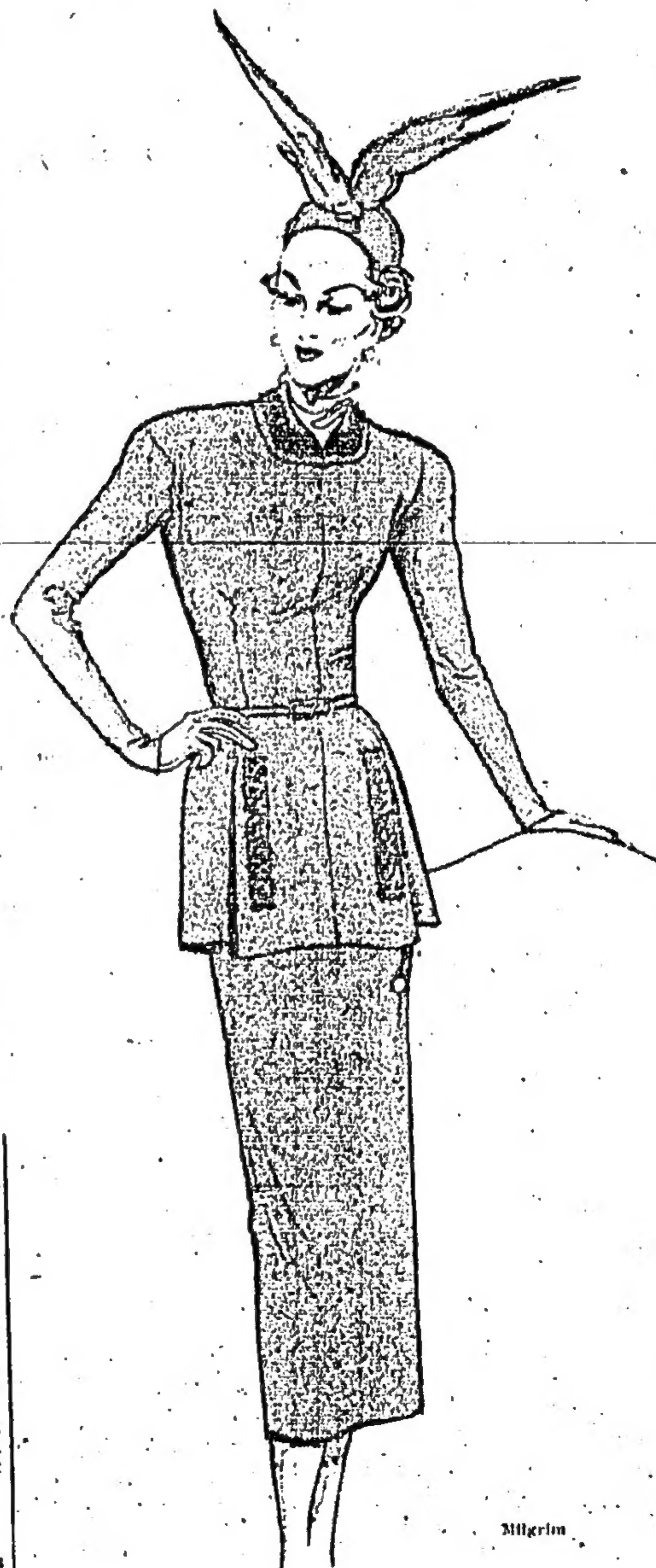
Every Saturday, for instance, finds an enthralled crowd of boys and girls of all ages at the Children's Section of the Science Museum at South Kensington, where working models of many kinds of engines can be set going by the visitors themselves. Many other famous London museums, too, make regular features of special exhibits for children. But it is East London which holds the honours with a museum planned entirely for children.

Entirely For Children

This is the Geyre Museum, officially known as a collection of furniture. Here are no long stone corridors, or bewildering array of unrelated objects. Instead the visitor finds a small red brick building which was originally an almshouse. Each gallery is arranged as a living room of a particular century, and life-sized figures of people who might have lived there add a realistic note. Panels on the walls tell of the life of the century, of its famous men and women, and the historic events of the time. One room has been set apart for children who return in their free time to draw, paint or model those things which they liked best in the museum.

Then there are games for the younger ones, such as a set of blocks with pictures of people, furniture, methods of transport and so on, which have to be sorted out correctly in their houses which may be found in different parts of Britain and placed along one wall.

CHIC TUNIC DRESS



By PRUNELLA WOOD

A HANDSOME wool frock for all-day smartness in city surroundings is this two-piece model of violet blue hue, almighty contrived in tunic fashion, and trimmed discreetly with chenille embroidery at throat and tunic pockets, in matching colour.

The front of the model is elegant and simple in that well-known high tunic manner; the back is just as interesting, as the tunic fastens there with self-fabric buttons which slant from the right shoulder and then plunge down beneath the belt, all the way to the tunic's hem.

The live colour of the wool will be refreshing for the spring season and it will go well with black or brown accessories.

Putting Up Hair in Pin Curls



For a quick-drying set, moisten hair with good-quality witch hazel before rolling up in curls.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SETTING the hair with pin curls is a job with which many a girl wrestles before going to bed. It seldom takes less than twenty minutes, may take forty, depending upon the length and thickness of the hair. The results are worth it.

It might be well to pass on instructions as given by a famous hair stylist. You section off a square of hair, usually about an inch, depending on the size of the curl you want. Pass the comb through the strand so the shafts are smooth and close together. Wind the hair around your finger from the scalp out until you have a neat circle. Flatten this against your head, anchor it with bobby pins. If the hair is thick use large ones; if thin, the smaller pins will be better. Don't fail to put on your wave cap or hair net.

If tiny curls are desired, you can start winding at the ends of the hair. This is best if you have bangs, have the ends turn under and a single undulation across the forehead. Can't fail to put on your wave cap or hair net.

Soft, silky thin hair may wave better if metal curlers are used. But it isn't easy to sleep with one's head covered with hardware, and that is why the pin curl prevails.

If the hair is short, start making the little coils on the left side, parting from the crown to the nape, holding back the hair with a tuck comb. Work from crown to nape line, then part off another strand. Do the front locks, the bangs last.

If you would have wide lines in a long bob, start at the back, making two or three rows running from ear to ear. Every curl should be the same size as the next one. Then, when the hair is combed, there will be an unbroken undulation from one side to the other. For the feather cut, start from temple to temple, follow that line to the crown, then start at the nape line and work upward.

If you want your hair to dry quickly, dampen it with good quality witch hazel then roll up in pin curls.

Let's Eat BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN A Mexican-Style Dinner

"A dinner in the Mexican style?" I hinted. "Si, senora. And I will introduce a speciality of my friend, the Mexican chef, Don Pedro, better known as 'Pete'. It is a wonderful spread for the crackers on the bread; it is made from the avocado, and it is called guacamole."

"Sounds interesting," I agreed. "But we'll have to get special ingredients for this dinner." "For that I am prepared," said the Chef triumphantly. "I have already purchased all the makings. I have plenty of red kidney beans; here is a tin of the big hominy; there is the cornmeal; here are lettuce and green peppers; tomatoes; and some broccoli; this is the good guava jelly, so popular in Mexico; and here are cream cheese, and a big avocado, ripe to the touch and ready to use for the guacamole."

"What about the meat?" "For that we have fresh spareribs, and pork is a favourite food in Mexico. Besides, spareribs are inside the budget; and you know, Madame, Mexican cooking is very economical."

"In fact, the avocado is the only expensive food you've mentioned," I observed. "but it will go quite far as a spread. Let's see what we can work out for a menu."

Dinner Mexican Style

Red Bean Salad or Bean Soup
Spareribs with Hominy Broccoli
Thin Cornmeal Slices
Guacamole

Cream Cheese and Guava Jelly
Coffee Milk (Children)

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Recipes Serve Four

Red Bean Salad

Combine 2 c. fresh cooked or tinned kidney beans with 1 c. coarse-chopped firm tomato, 1/2 c. chopped sweet green pepper, 1 tsp. sweet pickle and 1/2 c. fine-diced celery or firm part of cucumber. Combine with paprika-mayonnaise or salad dressing. Chill and serve heaped on any salad green.

Paprika Mayonnaise: Into the needed quantity of mayonnaise or salad dressing, stir 1/2 tsp. lemon juice or herb-vinegar, and enough paprika to give a pinkish colour.

Spareribs With Hominy

Order 2 lbs. spareribs cut in pieces. Place in a deep kettle; cover with boiling water; add guava or any jelly, and put in medium-sized, peeled minced

choux, sprouts, crisp green beans, crackers with cream cheese, cover with boiling water; add guava or any jelly, and put in medium-sized, peeled minced

Thin Crisp Cornmeal Slices

Mix 2 c. fortified cornmeal with 1/2 tsp. salt. Beat slowly into 2 c. boiling water. Add 2 tsp. melted butter, margarine or bacon fat. Oil a large baking utensil, about 9" x 12". Smoothly spread in the cornmeal mix, about 1/4 in. deep. Bake until light golden brown and crisp in a hot oven, 400 F. Cut in squares for serving.

Guacamole

Rub a 1-pt.-sized bowl thoroughly with a cut section garlic. Peel and remove the seed from 1 large, thoroughly ripe, avocado, cut it in chunks. Place in the bowl with 1 diced peeled ripe tomato, 2 tsp. fine-minced onion, 1/2 tsp. each vinegar and lemon juice. Mash together until very smooth, or put through a coarse sieve. Season to taste with salt and pepper; stir in a little chopped green chill either fresh or tinned, but go easy, it's hot! Use as a spread with the cornbread, or bread, toast or canapés.

Trick Of The Chef

For a quick dessert-cake delishious, spread crisp green beans, crackers with cream cheese, cover with boiling water; add guava or any jelly, and put in medium-sized, peeled minced

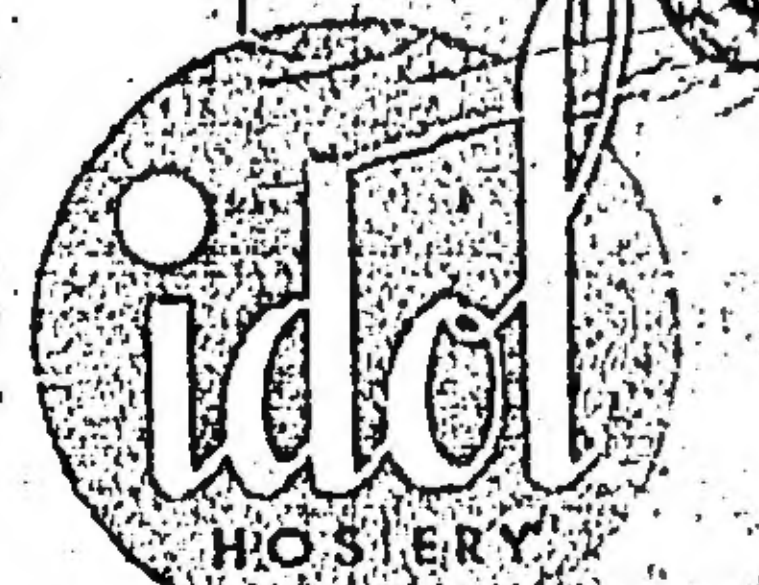
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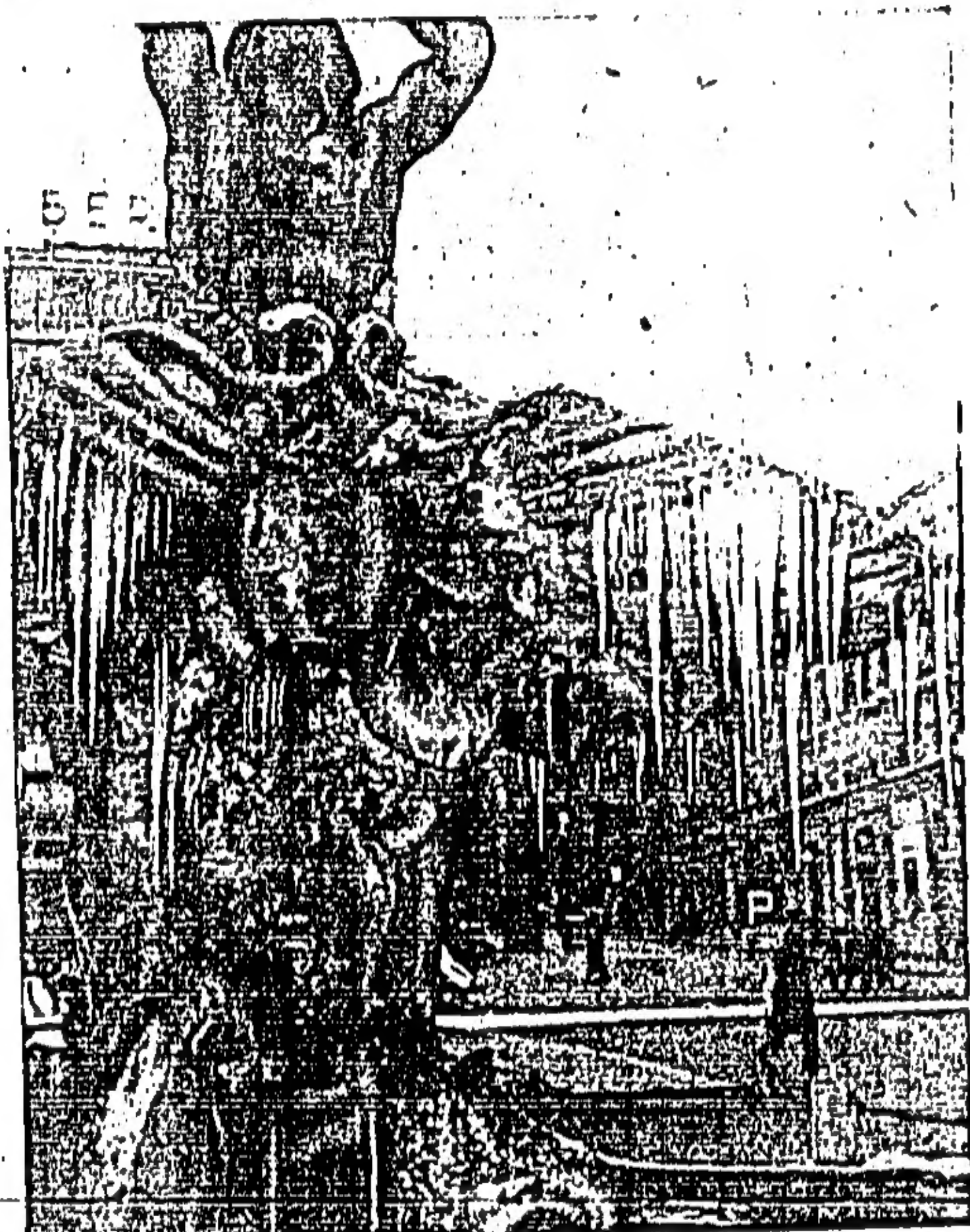
COLD JOB—Modelling in the snow in bathing suits in Chicago is no outdoor sport, as Eugenie Carlson, left, and Marge Mahoney will testify. But a fur coat and electric heaters will keep you going between poses for a photographer.



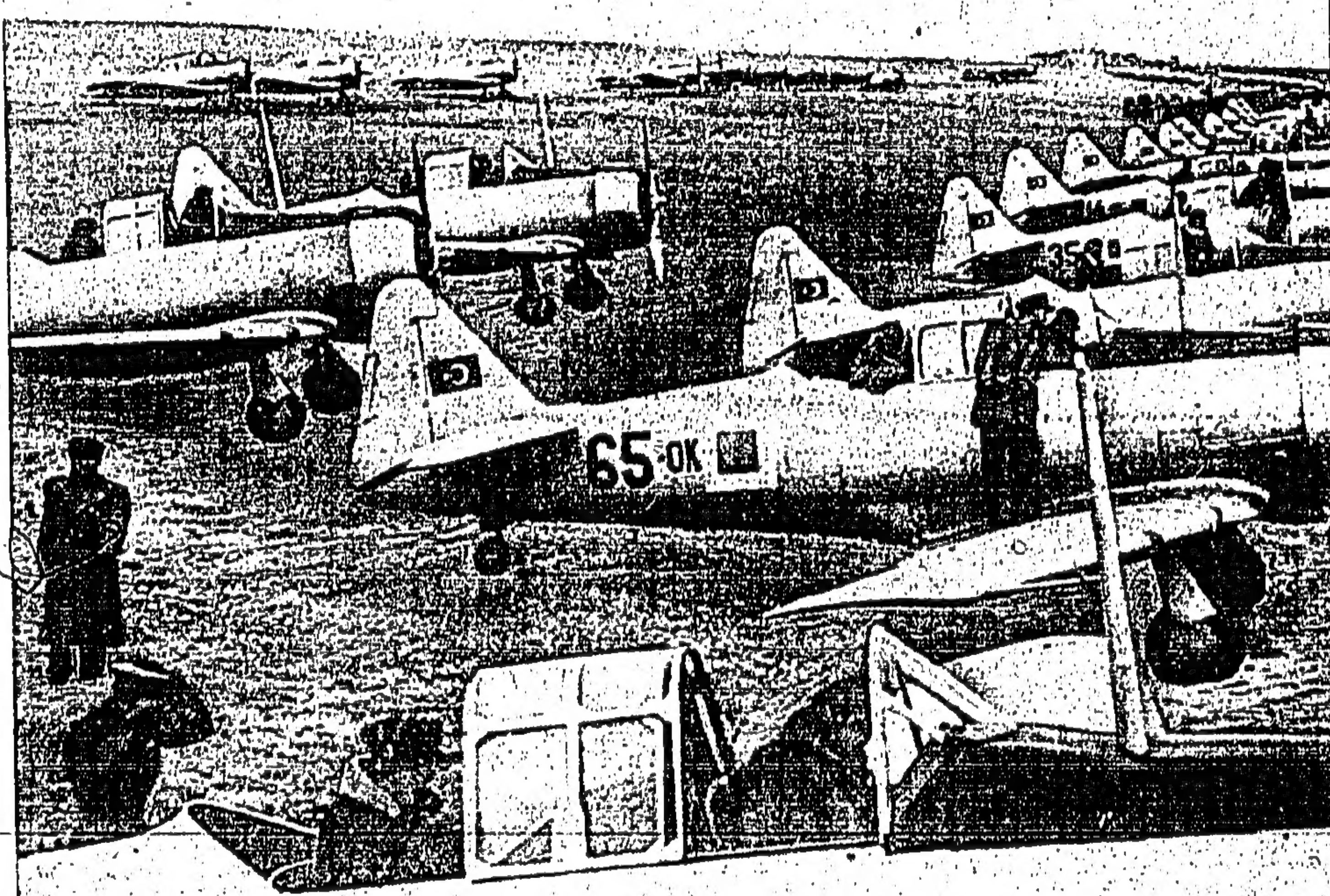
LAST LOOPHOLE—German policeman on the border of the American-Russian sectors in Berlin checks a cart load for "essential materials." Such materials have been barred from shipment to the Soviet zone, thus plugging the last loophole in the Western counter-blockade of Russia in Berlin.



SO THAT'S A WOMAN!—Hal, left, three-year-old camel in Griffith Park Zoo, Los Angeles, walks away after a look at blushing Slinky. Raised in captivity, it was "Hal's" first glimpse of a female camel. The city paid US\$1,500 for Slinky and hopes to hear the patter of little feet at some time in the future.



FROSTY FOUNTAINS—Romans are noticing their fountains these days, many of them for the first time. Icicles hang from this 300-year-old fountain of the Triton—made by Bernini in 1640—during one of the city's coldest spells since 1929.



AMERICAN BUILT—U.S.-made AT-6 training planes stand ready on the Eskisehir Airfield in Turkey. They were built for use by cadets undergoing instruction for the Turkish Air Force. The small two-seater planes, marked with TAF colours, were delivered under the Aid-To-Turkey Bill.



OUT FOR AN AIRING—A familiar sight in wartime Britain, a barrage balloon is being taken out of its hangar in Cardington. The skeleton force of balloon operators keeps in trim assisting with the training of paratroops.



A RETOUCHING JOB—Workers at the Japanese Diet building repaint the name plates of 223 members of the House of Representatives in Tokyo. Only 243 members of the Lower House were re-elected for the 466 seats. The Democratic Liberal Party, headed by Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, won by a landslide.



THREE OF A KIND—Mrs Doris Trout gets ready to do a little mouth wiping at the second birthday party of her triplets in New York. Eugene, Robert and Kenneth, left to right, still cause a bit of comment when they go out together. They have a brother Jackie, 14, and sister Diane, 9.



DRESSING GOWN—Grey and white checks, faced with white pique, make an attractive robe for Patricia Neal, Hollywood actress. It has a standing Chinese collar and self-cuffed three-quarter sleeves.

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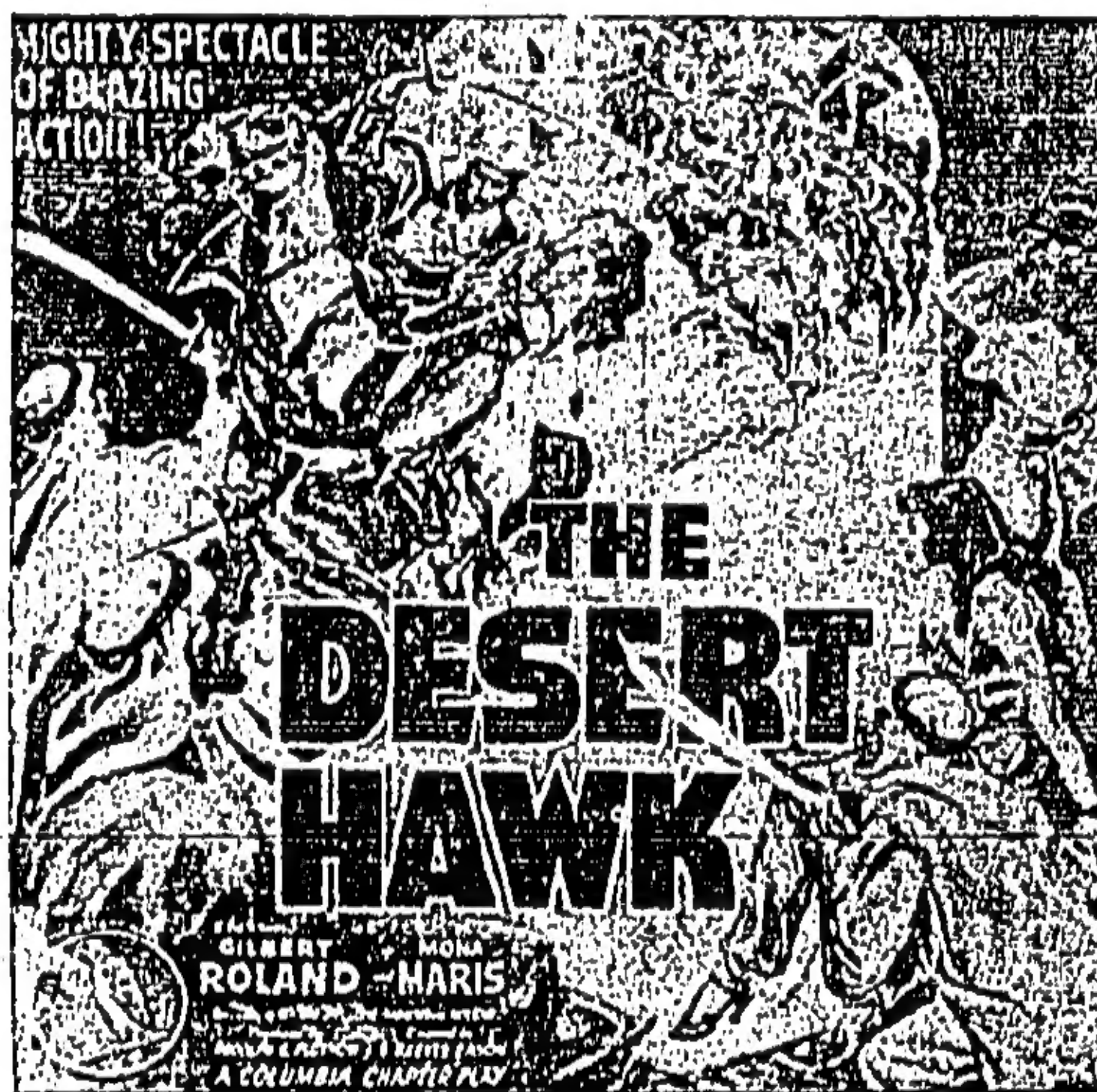
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Sitting on the Fence....

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL," said the Sweep, "I see science is getting more wonderful every day."

"Go on?" I said. "They've found out how to inoculate cattle against disease in Africa so we can get a bit more beef."

"That's right." "And now they're inoculating Africans against the same disease so there'll be more Africans to eat the beef. So we shall be where we were before."

"Too true." "As if that wasn't enough," said the Sweep, "some of these little old Boffins are poisoning millions of eggs to make a vaccine to stop us from influenza. Cor sufferin' wars, it makes you think, don't it?"

"It certainly do." "Why, cor strike a light, if they let us eat the eggs before they poisoned them, we probably wouldn't have influenza."

"Probably not." "And even if we did, we couldn't grumble. Cor luvaduck, you've got to do something."

"You certainly are." "Every time you pick up the paper," said the Sweep, "these Boffins are telling us we're all going to starve to death in a few years because people have been interfering with nature and because there are too many of us in the world anyway."

"They do and all." "Yet you find them poisoning millions of eggs to save the lives of people they say are going to die of starvation. Cor stone the crows, I reckon blokes in the looney bin are got more sense than that."

"They are an all." "And if these little old Boffins ain't interfering with nature, I should like to know who is."

"Some are." "All the same," said the Sweep, "you don't want to get your stomach in an uproar about it."

"My stomach ain't in an uproar," I said. "Instead of mounin' and groanin', you ought to count the blessings what science has given you."

"Thanks." "But for science," said the Sweep, "you wouldn't be able to eat your lovely snack out of a tin."

"That's right." "You wouldn't have the pleasure of payin' your gas and electric light bills."

"Too true." "You wouldn't get on free entertainment from the wireless in pubs when you'd rather have a bit of conversation."

"No." "You wouldn't see the bad news three or four times a day, and you wouldn't have to pay high taxes to give these Boffins more money to find out new ways of blowin' you to Kingdom Come. The skin of your nose."

"The skin of your nose."

"Paws across the sea"

BEING an exchange of letters between Lottie the cat and Manhattan Mouser, New York underworld tom.

Dear Mousie, I am so glad you are coming over to tell me more about the wonderful life in New York. I can hardly wait to hear more about Storks and Twenty-Ones.

and the "ritzy dolls" who eat there. And what is "lobster no-berry" and "chicken a la king"? And shed rose and blue fish? It makes me wonder if you will like our cod and herring, especially as there are no tidbits in our dustbins, which I believe you call ashcans.

I'm afraid I don't know any "earls and dooks with swell monikers," but I could give you an introduction to two English cats of good family, Sir Fuss-Puss and Sir Snuff-Buff, the last of the aristocratic origin of the name. But I'm afraid they're both rather elderly and always talking of the good old days.

I am looking forward to "a whirl and a swell time" in London with you.

Love, Lottie.

Mya Lottie, You are certainly going to have one hell of a whirl when I hit London, honey baby, honey lamb, honey chile.

Take it from me, we are not eating herrings and cods and that kinda trash when I am in London. And we are not eating dried eggs or kippers or brussels sprouts or any of them well-known English delicacies.

We are going round swell West End joints where the boys with the big dough pick of their salmon and fresh water trout and tenderloin steaks.

Believe me, when I was in London during the war there were some pretty nice leftovers.

A HAT trick for Zvavich the Terrible, the Soviet broad-caster. Having, as already reported, killed off the British Empire and the new Health Scheme, the professor who knows all the answers has been turning his attention to education in Britain.

Has your son a chance? He has not. For listen to the professor's grim story: The 1944 Act "perpetuated the existence of the privileged public schools where children of the rich are put on the roll immediately they are born, and where pupils are trained to rule."

And in every way this Act "bears the stamp of its author, Mr Churchill."

Today, says the professor, young people in Britain, with elementary school education have no chance of getting a good job when they leave school.

In the allocation of scholarships the financial condition of the parents is not taken into account. Result: the children of well-to-do parents, able to afford coaches, get all the advantages.

Many working-class children are denied secondary education because the "allowances" are only sufficient to pay tuition.

The Russians have also turned their attention to the "corrupting influence" of United States films on the young generation of Britain.

These films exalt pathological phenomena and cruelty, seek escape from reality and pandar to the lower instincts, it is claimed.

Among the films mentioned in a broadcast to Britain were: The Night, Kiss of Death, The Bishop's Wife, and Ride the Pink Horse.

Compare these films with Soviet epics, said the broadcaster. In the Soviet film, Siberian Saga, it was pointed out, there are no pathological characters, no murders, no shedding of blood.

Instead there is the story of the inseparable bond between art and the people—plain Soviet men and women.

The story? How a young Soviet composer injured in the war finds eventual solace on a forest construction site of the Five-Year-Plan, which gives him the inspiration to create an oratorio.

"A bright, colourful portrayal," said the commentator, "it is a picture which shows us what we are living for."

A further chapter was given in the story of so-called nationalisation in Britain. Stalin? "A typically demagogic election stunt," a jerny by means of which the Labour leaders intend to burgle, not the capitalist safe, but the pockets of the working people."

Final verdict on State enterprise is a strong one: "There has never, throughout the history of the British Labour movement, been a more cynical piece of bluff than the nationalisation of industry, as carried out by the Labour leaders."

PALESTINE ELECTIONS



ESCORTING ERNIE TO THE POLL

themselves as others see them and burst into tears. "All this chatter about more eggs in the spring makes one nervous. It usually means that you won't see an egg for months."

"According to the papers President Peron has pyorrhea. If only Miranda could have stomach ulcers we would all feel happier."

"Margaret's father thinks a map of vodka distilleries would be more useful to us than a map of munition factories."

"My husband says it's absurd to talk about a defeat of the Egyptian Army. He says that during the war the Home Guard could have seen them off."

"Whenever I think of doing something extra or working harder, I always think Cripps will have most of the dough, so what's the use?"

"Most of the healthy people you see in doctor's queues are meanies cadding free aspirin."

"Personally, I'd have to be almost dead before I got into a civilian jail parade."

"The Government knows you would. It's just another plot to destroy the middle-classes."

"My husband says no new works of art or literature have come out of Russia since they destroyed the middle-classes."

"Living under Communism would be like a life sentence of hard labour without committing a crime."

"With capital punishment always just round the corner."

"Of course. I'd like to see Miranda get seniles or whatever you get through eating too much meat."

"Margaret's father thinks that the anti-alcohol drug antabius could be slipped into Holy Joe's vodka the whole world situation would change overnight."

Party conversation

"MARGARET'S father thinks the main strategy of another war would be the bombing of enemy distilleries."

He says that, without vodka, the people in the Kremlin would see

RUSSIA'S PROFESSOR ZVAVICH ATTACKS THE OLD SCHOOL TIE

BY GEORGE CAMPEY

fees, and are inadequate to feed and clothe the children. But the Labour Party are making it look as if something is being done. They have introduced "a system of lectures, classes and correspondence courses on charity lines."

The professor's example: The Workers' Educational Association. But the organisation have been set up, he says, "with the object of providing capitalists with highly skilled labour, and therefore simply gives the workers a minimum of technical knowledge."

The Russians have also turned their attention to the "corrupting influence" of United States films on the young generation of Britain.

These films exalt pathological phenomena and cruelty, seek escape from reality and pandar to the lower instincts, it is claimed.

Among the films mentioned in a broadcast to Britain were: The Night, Kiss of Death, The Bishop's Wife, and Ride the Pink Horse.

Compare these films with Soviet epics, said the broadcaster. In the Soviet film, Siberian Saga, it was pointed out, there are no pathological characters, no murders, no shedding of blood.

Instead there is the story of the inseparable bond between art and the people—plain Soviet men and women.

The French Breakfast Table Is Looking Up..

PARIS. FRANCE, my Left-wing friends insist, is trying to put the clock back. However that may be, one thing is certain: Paris has put my wrist watch forward.

For nine years my watch—a self-winding affair bought in Geneva—had been regularly gaining five minutes a week. Then last October I went to Japan. And suddenly it lost five minutes a week.

I mentioned this to an atomic researcher travelling with me in the train from Hiroshima to Tokyo. "Ah," said he, "that's probably due to the acceleration of gravity out East here. Your watch will gain once more when you get back to Europe."

I have been back in Europe for a couple of months now. And suddenly here in Paris—as suddenly as four months ago in Tokyo—my watch has switched back to normal. It is once more gaining—five minutes a week.

What has happened to the political and economic clock since I was last in Paris six months ago seems to me not so very different from what has happened to my own watch.

Political crises and strikes—first and foremost the big, all-out coal strike—slowed things down. They were losing not just five minutes a week, but millions of man-hours and millions of francs. In the end, however, the political crisis was overcome with a new coalition headed by Henri Queuille. And the strikers were heavily defeated.

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P.W.D. LARCENY TRIAL:

Doctor Tells Of House Rewiring

Dr G. H. Thomas, Deputy Director of Medical Services, gave evidence for the prosecution at the resumed hearing of the P.W.D. Larceny trial before Mr Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

On trial are Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Arthur Frederick May, 41, electrical inspector, grade I, of the Public Works Department, facing three charges of theft by public servant and falsification of accounts with intent to defraud the Government.

Defending May is Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, while Kwok is not legally represented. Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr J. Johnston, ASP, is conducting the prosecution.

J. C. Brown, Chief Electrical and Mechanical Engineer of the P.W.D., continuing his re-examination by Crown Counsel, said that May could authorise the number of workmen to work on a job without reference to him.

Witness produced daily job and attendance report sheets from July 1 to 31 last year.

The next witness called was Mr J. Watson who said that in August last year he was Acting Controller of Stores.

At that time he was appointed Chairman of a special Board of Survey to make a complete check of stores held in charge in the Government workshop at Huihung. The survey lasted from the morning of August 14 to the evening of August 16 and there were present two members of the Board Mr Johnston, representing the Police, Mr Hardy, representing the P.W.D., and Kwok Kwong, May was not present.

"We found no stock books or bin cards by which stocks could be checked," said witness.

"The Board then proceeded to take a list of all items on the premises. A few estimate job order sheets were produced but they were of no value for checking stores on hand.

"The estimate job order sheets showed items ordered from the main P.W.D. store for a specific job. In addition to that there were produced inventories of plain and machinery tools and furniture. These were checked and a few discrepancies were found.

"The electrical stores were not divided up as to which jobs they were going to. In the store room proper my first impression was that the stores were put together in a rather systematic fashion, but later as we proceeded with the survey we found items scattered about rather haphazardly. More or less, all the wire and switches were together," said witness.

Questioned by Mr Clifford, Watson replied that he did not know if the investigation was at the instigation of the P.W.D. He did not get the impression that the items in the store were laid out for special jobs. He did not enquire into the P.W.D. make enquiries from the Wain-accounting system. He did not check store which might be useful.

REPORT QUOTED

Witness, in reply to a further question, quoted from the Board's report: "The Board wishes to point out that as the electricians were out on jobs possibly some of the tools might be found in their possession."

Dr G. H. Thomas, Deputy Director of Medical Services, giving evidence, said that in July last year he was Acting Director. He owned some houses at Pokfulam which had been looted and he needed some electrical work done.

In the latter part of July, he said he was thinking of this work when May called at his office without a previous appointment. Dr Thomas said he knew May before the war and especially during the occupation and they remained friends. May then casually asked May if he could help with some advice on electrical work or if he knew some contractor to do the job. May did not then and there say that he could do the job, but he would consult suit somebody and see if he could recommend anyone, and he would let witness know. It was further arranged that when May did let him know they would go out and see the property.

A few days later May telephoned to say that he would take a foreman or contractor up to the house to see it, said Dr Thomas. May met him outside the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in his car. There was a Chinese in the car. Up at Pokfulam, May, the Chinese, his wife and himself went from room to room as he pointed out where the previous points were. He gathered that some contractor would be sent out to do the work.

NO BILL RECEIVED

Dr Thomas said he was never told who was the contractor doing the job and he was never shown an estimate of the cost. He also never received a bill. When the work was stopped, it was about three-quarters done. He had since had it completed by outside workmen.

Cross-examined by Mr Clifford, the witness said his impression was that the Chinese in May's car was taken out to view the property so that he could recommend a contractor. He remembered a statement being made as to whether Government workmen might do it in their spare time. This puzzled him. When the men went to work, he was under the impression that they were contractors' men because they worked regularly and there was nothing unusual about the matter.

Dr Thomas said that he must have said that he would pay for material necessary.

He said he knew May well and could not believe in the present case that he would do anything unworthy. From what he knew of May during the war and of what May had done for himself and others, words could not adequately express what people thought of him. Dr Selwyn-Clarke particularly told him he could fall back on May because of May's willingness to help others.

Dr Thomas said if he knew that the work was to be done by Government workmen, he would never have agreed. He had expected to pay the contractor, but there was no question of him paying May.

Mrs Nora Thomas, wife of Dr Thomas, said that late July, May, Kwok and her husband visited the property at Pokfulam and she accompanied them on their inspection from room to room. May thought the old points to lighting and power very good, and said he would ask Kwok to recommend men to do the electrical work.

Three days later the work started. The workmen were there daily and did very well. They worked mornings and

afternoons and two men slept there as well.

Mrs Thomas identified Lee Cho, Ng Shu and Leung Cheuk-wah as being some of the workmen she saw at the house. She gave them a lot of old switches she had bought during the war.

In answer to questions put by the accused, Kwok, Mrs Thomas said the men never told her whether they were contractor's men or not, nor did she ask them.

China Aid Proposal

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was present during Mr Lapham's statement and did not make any objections. State Department officials expressed no surprise at Mr Lapham's proposal, although they would not comment for publication. Other officials said privately that such aid would merely be a continuation of the present policy of "piece-meal" help for China and could not be taken as new support. They said it would show, however, that the United States was not convinced that the Nationalist Government was going to fall overnight. They also said China's relief needs were "very great" and that America needed to make many friends as possible among the Chinese.

YANGTSE CROSSING

Mr Lapham told reporters that while present relief spending in China amounted to \$20,000,000 a month, "if the policy is not to continue operations in any Communist-held territory, it might very well be that we would not need anything like \$240,000,000."

He indicated his belief that the Chinese Communists eventually would cross the Yangtze River and move southward to take additional Nationalist territory. He said the ECA mission was considering moving its base from Shanghai to Canton since most of the Government had fled to Canton.

GOODS CAPTURED

Mr Lapham said the ECA was still shipping rice and oil to South China coastal cities, and recently had resumed shipments of cotton. He reported that the Communists had captured about \$1,000,000 worth of recovery goods in Tientsin, mostly cotton textiles, and had taken about \$750,000 worth of relief food captured in Peiping. He said there were still considerable supplies of food and cotton in Tientsin. Mr Lapham added that about \$8,000,000 of the \$125,000,000 appropriated by Congress for Chinese recovery was still left, \$68,000,000 having been spent for the reconstruction programme. These funds must be used by April 3, but Mr Lapham said Congress might be asked to extend the time since the money could not be used at present.

Accountant On \$60,000 Bail

Yung Koon-kau, 51, accountant, residing at 71, Des Voeux West, first floor, was charged before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning with signing a false return furnished under the Inland Revenue Ordinance on May 20, 1948.

V. J. L. D'Alton appeared on behalf of the defence, while Sub-Inspr. J. Moore was for the prosecution.

At the request of the prosecution, the case was adjourned a week for further enquiries. Defendant was allowed bail of \$60,000, half cash and half in surety.

Nationalists To Join Red Armies

Nanking, Mar. 2.—There Nationalist Army groups which surrendered to the Chinese Communist at Peiping have been incorporated in the Communist people's liberation armies, the North Shensi Radio announced last night.

They will be organised into 25 independent divisions.

The Radio said the decision was announced at a military meeting on February 25 by the North China commander, General Lin Piao, who said he would give Kuomintang officers preferential treatment because of their meritorious deeds in the peaceful liberation of Peiping.

All grades of officers and their families who accepted work in the people's liberation armies would receive the same treatment as the Communist officers.

Inquiry On "Contact Men" Opens

London, Mar. 1.—A five-man Committee on "contact men," set up by the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, after disclosures at the recent Lynskey Tribunal inquiry into alleged corruption in Government circles, met today for the first time.

It is understood that the first session considered the general approach to the question of these contact men, the unofficial "liaison officers" between businessmen and Government departments, whose activities the Committee has to investigate, and determine whether they are "liable to give rise to abuses."

Mr Sidney Stanley, the key witness at the Lynskey inquiry, around whom the Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, said "the whole tangled web seems to have been spun," may be called to give evidence before the Committee.

Six Years For Abduction

"HEARTLESS AFFAIR"

"The kidnapping of this child seems to me to be a completely heartless affair—heartless particularly because of the anguish you must have caused over a long period of time to the mother of this child," said Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when he passed sentence of six years' hard labour on Mah Kau, a young villager of the New Territories, who was found guilty by a Jury yesterday of abducting a six-year-old child, Chan Kuong-yu.

The boy disappeared on December 14 last year when on his way home from school at Un Hong. He was not recovered until December 30 when a sum of \$1,600 was paid by his mother, Ng Kwan, a widow, to the accused for his return.

The jury, comprising four men and three women, after deliberating for an hour yesterday, found the accused not guilty of fraudulently taking away the child with intent to procure a ransom for his liberation, but found him guilty by a majority verdict of child stealing, demanding money with menaces, and conspiracy to demand money.

Mr M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, told the Court that there was nothing known against the accused.

Asked by his Lordship if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, the accused pleaded for leniency.

"Why?" asked his Lordship. "B.C. use I was only acting as an intermediary," he replied.

"I did not kidnap the child myself," he said. "The jury found you were not an intermediary, and that you did kidnap the boy. I fail to see how the jury could have come to any other conclusion."

"I don't know whether you have a mother or not, but I wonder if you can imagine what your own mother would have gone through if you had been kidnapped in similar circumstances."

"It is not only a question of mental anguish. You also caused the woman to sell her rice and jewellery, and stripped her of everything she had, and the money was never returned. In this case the father came from some political organisation."

"Whether they came from that political organisation or not has nothing to do with me. Speaking for myself, I doubt very much whether there was a basis for any political organisation behind your actions because

TORIES TAKE UP CUDGELS Mayhew Speech "Deplorable"

London, Mar. 1.—The Opposition vigorously attacked the Government today for the "bewildering and deplorable" effect produced by the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Christopher Mayhew's statement in the United States last week that Britain was now in sight of "complete economic independence."

Mr Oliver Stanley, a former Colonial Secretary, said that had it not been for the "prompt repudiation" of Mr Mayhew's statement by Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, "the whole of our recovery programme might be in danger."

Amid cheers and counter-attacks, he asked what the Prime Minister was going to do to see that the "future of the British people is not jeopardised by irresponsible statements by Ministers who have nothing to do with this matter at all."

The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, replied that the matter had now been dealt with. Sir Stafford Cripps's statement—that British recovery was "nothing like complete"—was made after full consultation with the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, and himself, and represented the views of the British Government.

"I should deprecate further questions in the national interest," he added. "Every now and again statements are made which, taken quite apart from their context, may cause difficulties. I have known them made by Ministers on all sides of the House."

"I suggest it would not be wise to pursue the matter," Mr George Strauss, Conservative, asked whether the Prime Minister had seen the statement of Mr Hector McNeill, Minister of State, that Mr Mayhew had "blurted out the truth at the wrong moment."

"Do you share that view and the implication that the truth should not be told by Ministers in the United States?" Mr Stanislaus asked.

The Prime Minister replied that he had nothing to add to his last statement.

Mr Adam McKinley, Labour, said that if the report of what Mr Mayhew said was as accurate as the report of what Mr McNeill said, then it was a travesty, utilised to do the Government as much harm as possible.

As Mr Attlee made no comment on this, Mr Stanley asked if it was suggested that Mr McNeill did not make the statement attributed to him in the Press.

The Prime Minister replied: "It depends very much on the context and the accuracy of the reporting. As I understand it, whatever was said by the Minister was supposed to have been at a private meeting, and I regret that it has been reported."

Mr Stanley asked the Prime Minister for an assurance that Ministers would feel that it was never any good taking risks with the truth.

Mr Attlee retorted that there was no question of that. "No Minister will take risks with the truth," he added. He added that there was no opportunity for the Ambassador to be consulted about Mr Mayhew's statement before it was made, because the matter arose during a debate.

Chan Chai-tong's Appointment

Nanking, Mar. 2.—General Chan Chai-tong has been appointed Governor of Hainan Island. He belongs to the Kwangsi provincial clique, of whom Acting President Li Tsung-jen is a prominent member.—Reuter-AAP.

Council Of Women

A general meeting of the Hongkong Council of Women will be held in the Y.W.C.A. Duddell Street, tomorrow, at 5.15 p.m. All members please note the new date.

WIFE STABBED BY HUSBAND

Manila, Mar. 2.—Mrs Rosa Sevilla Alvero, 69, prominent educator and social worker, was stabbed in her abdomen yesterday by her husband, Emilio Alvero, 65, and is hovering between life and death.

Alvero, a building contractor, surrendered to the police after refusing to give a reason.

The Alveros had been estranged for many years, but recently were apparently reconciled. Mrs Alvero, founder of a college for girls, was taken to the University of Santo Tomas Hospital, where she underwent an emergency operation.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.01, Ivor Novello and His Music with Sylvia Cecil, Trevor Jones, BBC Revue Chorus and Orchestra (BBC); 6.30, Vaughan Monro and His Orchestra; 6.40, Terry Lou and His Orchestra; 6.50, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, "The Numbers" (London Relay); 7.30, London Studio Melodies, A Programme of Continuous Music by the Melochord Strings (BBC); 7.45, "The Numbers" (London Relay); 8.10, "It's in the Air" Variety Request Programme presented by Susan Howard (Studio); 8.15, "Book Review by Allen Dekker (Studio); 8.30, "Anthology" presented by Clifford Davies (Studio); 8.45, Radio News (London Relay); 9.15, "Swan Lake" with the BBC Midland Orchestra, conducted by Gilbert Winter (BBC); 11.10, Weather Report and Close Down.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2: Closing Times by Air: Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin, Swatow, Amoy, Tainan and Foochow, 3.30 p.m.

Thursday, March 3: Closing Times by Air: Swatow and Amoy, 8.30 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord); Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).

Closing Times by Sea: Japan, 3 p.m.; Transmanila, 5 p.m.; Thursday, March 3: Closing Times by Air: Swatow and Amoy, 8.30 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord); Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).

Closing Times by Sea: Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria (Nairobi), Johannesburg and Mombasa via Alexandria, 10 a.m. and London, (CFO) 4.30 p.m.; 5 p.m. (ord); Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney & Auckland, 5 p.m.

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BADMINTON'S "WIMBLEDON"

Freeman In A Class By Himself
In Singles Rating

By JAMES CHAMBERS

London, Mar. 1.—Dave Freeman of San Diego, Captain of the United States Badminton team, is favoured to win the Men's Singles title in the English Badminton Championships opening on Wednesday.

Freeman, unbeaten in a singles match for ten years, is rated one of the best players ever seen in this country. Badminton critic Stanley Doust described him as "an agile player with the most beautiful footwork I have ever seen. He is in a class apart from all others."

The San Diego Doctor became an automatic favourite when in the recent Thomas Cup International match against Malaya he defeated that country's two best players, Wong Peng-son and Ooi Teik-hock. Malaya, however, defeated the United States and went on to win the Cup by thrashing Denmark 8-1 in the final of the International Tournament.

Freeman has been seeded in a different half from 22-year-old Jodan Skarup of Denmark, holder of the English title, and Ooi Teik-hock, but in his section of the draw he will be up against other Danes and Malaysians. His chief danger will be Wong Peng-son, Champion of Singapore.

Nine nations will compete. The play continues until Saturday evening. Four of the five titles held by the Danes will be defended.

Pretty 20-year-old Kirsten Thorndahl of Denmark, holder

of the Women's Singles title, will play Mrs Clinton Stephens of Baltimore in her opening match. She is the wife of Clinton Stephens of the American Mixed Doubles Champions.

Kirsten, a left-hander, and her countrywoman, Mrs T. Ahren, will make a bid to hold the Women's Doubles title for the third successive year. They won the title in 1947 and 1948.

Nine nations will be represented in the champion-

ships in which the Malayan, Danish and United States Thomas Cup teams have been entered in blue.

In the classic entry ever for these championships, English players are regarded as having no chance of winning anything. The standard of badminton here is at a very low ebb. Lack of suitable halls for the game is the prime reason why young players of international class are not being produced. —Associated Press.

COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS:

ROBERT TAY SMASHES
HIS WAY THROUGH

The highlight of yesterday evening's matches in the Colony Badminton Championships played at the Club de Recreo was the Senior Singles encounter in which Robert Tay, reigning Colony Singles Champion, defeated Charles Au 15-7, 15-10 after a struggle lasting half-an-hour. Tay rode to victory on his powerful smashes and his superior court craft and stamina.

Adopting the tactics of wearing out his opponent right from the start, Tay intermingled smashes with cunningly concealed trick and lob shots which kept Au on the defensive. After allowing Au to lead 6-3, Tay unleashed his strength with fierce smashes which netted him five points in a row to give him the lead at 8-6.

At this point the service changed hands 13 times without a point being scored by either player. During this period both players touched peak form and top level badminton was seen and appreciated by the many spectators present.

Au tired visibly at this critical stage and Tay took command of the game. Luring the fast-tiring Au to the net with flick shots, he easily put away the returns with sideline smashes and ran up seven points to win the first set.

Continuing with the same tactics in the second set, Tay soon led 4-0. His shots to the sidelines and cross-court flicks were uncannily accurate and outwitted his opponent. Au never gave up trying. There were many prolonged net rallies to thrill the crowd. Au's repertoire of strokes was not inferior to Tay's but he lacked the opponent's speed and staying power.

Trailing 5-11, Au called on his reserves and, by dint of fine anticipation at the net and beautifully executed cross-court flicks and lobs, brought the score to 9-11.

At this point Tay regained mastery and, maintaining a fast pace, ran out the set after concealing another point.

Saul and Gillies Beat Hui and Lee

Another top-flight match was the Senior Men's Doubles which found P. K. Hui, pre-war triple-crown, and his partner, C. K. Lee, losing to last year's Junior Doubles Champions, W. Gillies and S. Saul in a minor upset. The score—15-7, 15-10.

Not detracting from the meritorious display put up by Gillies and Saul, it must be admitted that Hui, and possibly Lee, were not at their best.

Last night's Hui was a far cry from the Hui of pre-war days. He missed many sitters at the net and his smashes, more

Colony Tennis
Championships

The Baker brothers beat George Choa and Cyril Kotewall 6-3, 2-6, 8-6 in a marathon encounter at the HKCC yesterday in the Colony Grasscourt Championships.

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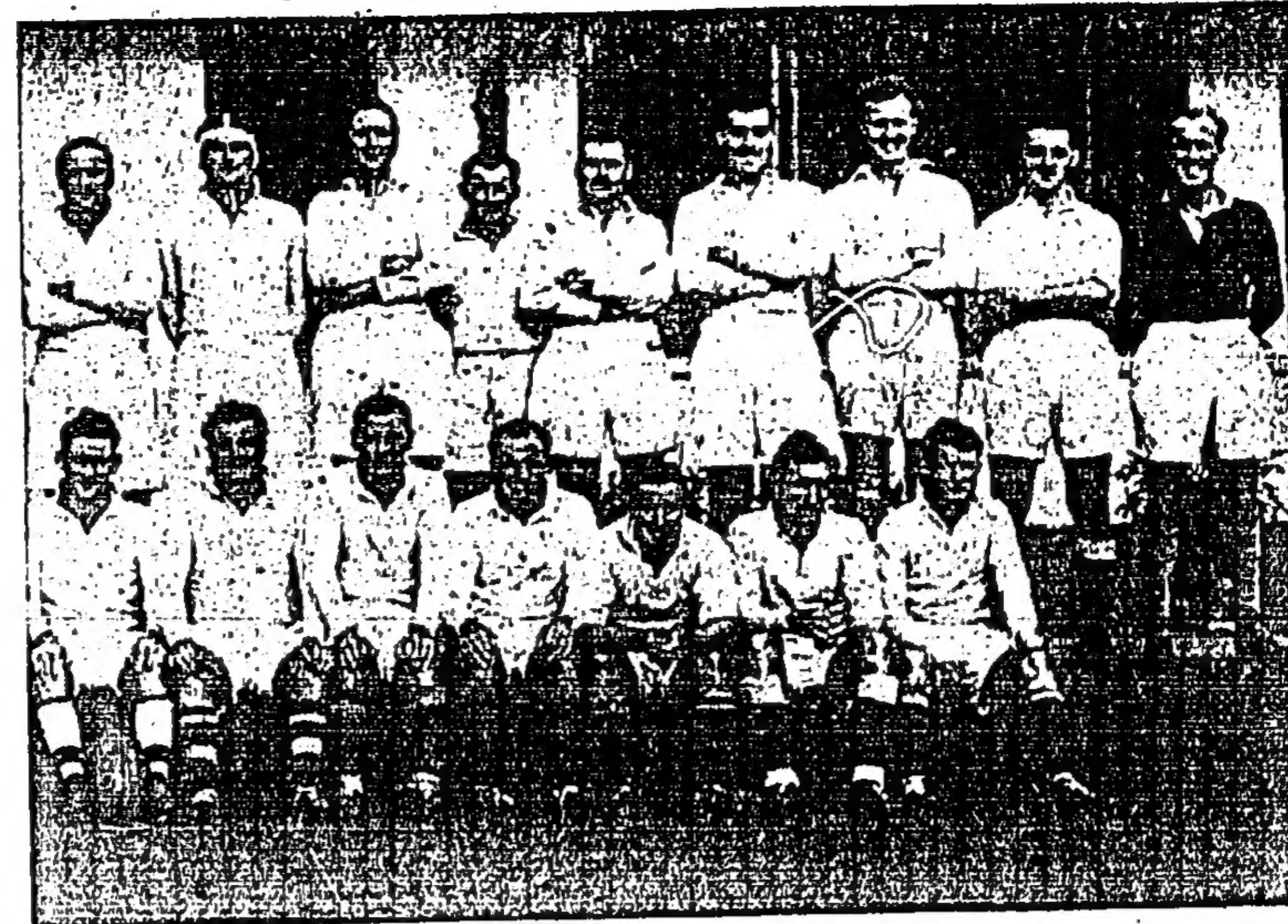
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Mister Conquest

SINGAPORE
RUGBY XV

A close game is expected at Sookunpoo this evening, commencing at 4.15, when the Singapore United Services XV (pictured above) meet Hongkong's United Services.

The Singapore XV, who have already beaten Club 6-3, are expected to show improved form today, now that they have found their land legs.

The visitors are expected to show up better than the local Services in the line-out and possibly in the tight. Hongkong's Services, if in form, should be superior in the loose.—Photo by Golden Studio.

SAVOLD v. WINNER OF MILLS & WOODCOCK?

PROMOTION BATTLE BEGINS
AS LOUIS STEPS OUT

Miami, Florida, Mar. 1.—Immediately the world heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, sprang unexpectedly on the boxing world today the news of his retirement, there began a promotion battle between American and English boxing authorities to decide the right to stage the next world heavyweight championship.

Simultaneously with his shock announcement, Louis stated that he has asked and received permission from the National Boxing Association of America to sponsor a fight between Ezzard Charles and "Jersey" Joe Walcott for the world title at Chicago next June.

The London promoter, Jack Solomons, immediately countered with the news that he intends to put the American heavyweight, Lee Savold, into the ring against the winner of the June bout between the Britons, Bruce Woodcock and Freddie Mills, for the world title.

This contest Solomons proposes to put on in London next September.

Bill Daily, Savold's manager, announced in New York that he would claim the world heavyweight title for Savold if the American beat the winner of the Woodcock-Mills bout.

Louis' letter of his formal resignation as the world's heavyweight champion was sent to the National Boxing Association, Mr. Abe Greene.

The letter was presented by Harry Mendel, his publicity agent. Louis was not present.

Louis wrote to the National Boxing Association: "My associates and I have taken every step to see that all competent challengers get an opportunity to compete for the title and to see thereafter that the title holder is active.—Reuter.

CHARLES v. WALCOTT:

FIGHT IN JUNE

Miami Beach, Mar. 1.—Heavyweight king Joe Louis today vacated his title and announced the promotion of a championship fight between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott.

The National Boxing Association Commissioner, Abe Greene, released letters from Louis announcing his retirement and promotional venture.

Mr. Greene said that NBA officials conferred and approved Louis' plan for a fight between Walcott and Charles.

The Walcott-Charles fight will be held in June under the promotion of a new organization formed by Louis, Arthur Wirtz and James Norris to be known as the International Boxing Club.

Louis' letter said that both Walcott and Charles have signed agreements for the fight by which the title and the new champ will fight later with Gus Lesnevich or Lee Savold within 90 days.

Mr. Greene said that the NBA would agree with this plan "provided that the title contest arranged can proceed in an orderly fashion. There has been no attempt to create a champion by any dictum. The Championship will be won in the ring."

He said the NBA has always been opposed to "title freezes" and that Louis' plan would "avoid the chaos which would result from mad and disorganised scramble."

Louis' letter announcing his retirement was dated February 28.

The ex-champion left Miami today for Nassau for an exhibition match. His retirement note to Mr. Greene said: "I am certain that you know how sorry I must be to let the championship go this way. I have held it for a long time and I won it in the ring."

"I expected to lose it the same way I won it. However, things have developed so. I think I ought to stick to my retirement announcement that I made some time ago."

Walcott is a New Jersey negro who came within a whisker of lifting Louis' title on December 5, 1947, in New York. Louis won a closely split decision on points, but two of the three judges gave the champion.

In the return bout last year Louis knocked out Walcott in the 11th round. It was his last title defence. He said immediately after the battle that he would not fight again.—United Press.

Arthur Peall says:

In the diagram position, blue was nearly a straight shot in the main pocket, with remaining reds bunched behind pink.

Blue was taken, and the "pump" utilised to break the blue.

A worth-while chance because blue was a certainty, and if the reds broke badly, the next stroke could be a sure safety.

It is all important to seek safety in the back ground.

And now a very useful in-out white. Some players like left-hand side with this stroke, but accomplished players play a crisp plain ball billiard shot.

WALCOTT

No Lean Years
For Golf

San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 2.—The Professional Golfers' Association of America has announced a fund to maintain the rich circuit of tournaments even in lean years.

Someday the sponsors of the 40 United States golf tournaments may not be able to afford the prize money—between US\$10,000 and US\$15,000 each event. Then the PGA will share with the sponsor the difference between gate receipts and prize money.

Already the fund is US\$25,000 and the PGA expects to raise it to US\$100,000 within three years.

The money is accumulated through golf clinics, benefit tournaments and commissions from bookkeeping professionals on exhibitions.—Associated Press.

Chan Chun-Nam
For Two Events

Manila, Feb. 28.—Chan Chun-nam, the long distance swimmer of Lal Tsun Club of Hongkong, will compete in the 400 and 1,500 metre events of the 1949 national swimming championships to be held at the Rizal Memorial Pool here on Tuesday.

Chan, who defeated M. Mala, of Manila, in the 880 yards event of the Manila-Hongkong Interport swimming competition in November, is scheduled to arrive on the day of the opening of the championships.—Reuter.

SUNDAY'S
HOCKEY

Hockey Association fixtures for Sunday are:

Khalisa v Club de Recreo (Boundary Street Kowloon, 10.30 a.m.) Umpires. Yee Siga Gater. S.B.P.O. Yeomans.

Army R.A.F. (Sookunpoo, 10 a.m.) Umpires. G. T. Palmer—Mukhan Singh.

Navy v Police, (King's Park (RNRCL), 10.30 a.m.) Umpires. Capt. Chisnell—Capt. Payne.

University v Civil Service, (Pokfulam Road, 10 a.m.) Umpires. E.R.A. Miller, J. S. Greval.

Dockyard RC v Dutch HC, (King's Park (RNRCL), 10 a.m.) Umpires. P. F. Xavier—Mr. Dutt.

YMCA v Cable & Wireless, (King's Park, (YMCA) 10 a.m.) Umpires. J. H. Blinco—W. A. Musty.

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (221 171) before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of the team. A maximum of 10 minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify results as soon as possible after the match.

HOW THEY STAND

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Navy 13 10 2 2 49 17 22
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RAF 11 7 1 1 33 12 17
Civil Service 10 7 1 1 33 12 17
University 11 8 2 1 33 12 17
Dutch 10 8 2 1 33 12 17
Cable & Wireless 4 1 1 20 13 8
Dockyard RC 15 2 1 15 13 8
YMCA 15 2 1 15 13 8

Irish Hockey XI

The following are invited to represent an "Irish" XI to meet Dockyard RC in a friendly Hockey game at King's Park, at 5 p.m. on Friday. Colours, White.

LACs: Doyle, Gibson, Coady (RAF); Capt. Larkin, Monaghan, McGrath and Sgt. Carr (Army); Lt. Cdr. Farnshaw, L/Wr. Morrison (Navy); E. Kane (Dockyard) and S/Insp. Wall (Police) Reserve. Sgt. Major Hunt (Army).

CRICKET TEAMS

The KCC teams for Saturday's Cricket League matches have been selected as follows:

1st XI v Royal Navy at King's Park; R. E. Lee (Captain), E. C. Fincher, N. Hart, Baker, J. Barrow, A. Zimmermann, G. A. Madar, M. W. Davidson, T. E. Taylor, J. P. Hewitt, V. C. Bond and P. Kennedy.

2nd XI v Royal Navy at Cox's Road; S. A. Gentry (Captain), A. E. J. Hancock, V. H. White, D. G. White, S. C. Truman, W. H. Matthews, R. Leigh, W. H. Gowler, G. R. Rossetti, E. Guest and E. Randall. Reserves: A. J. Wood & Tibble.

IRC 2ND XI

The following have been selected to represent the IRC 2nd XI in a league cricket match against Recreio on Saturday, March 5, at 1.45 p.m. Sookunpoo.

A. H. Bakar (Capt.), I. Ali, A. Ebrahim, A. R. Razack, A. K. Kar, A. M. Rumsan, M. A. Wahab, S. M. Wahab, J. F. M. al Arculli, V. Motwalla and S. K. Khan.

S. Aboo (12 man) T. H. Burma (Scorer).

DODWELL'S XI

The following will represent Dodwell & Co., Ltd. against Jardines in a cricket match to be played at Charter Road on Sunday commencing at 11.15 a.m.

E. R. Hill (Captain), N. E. Arthy, T. G. T. Birley, P. Devoson, R. W. Franklin, J. H. Hamm, H. C. D. Knight, J. D. S. Mackay, A. P. Pereira, O. G. Simpson and P. Tindall.

K. A. G. Cook (12 man) G. S. Dovey (Scorer), J. S. Howell (Umpire).

Asia's Own
Davis Cup?

Manila, Mar. 2.—Dr Victor Buencamino, chairman of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation Tennis Committee, has offered to donate a trophy for the projected annual tennis competition between the Philippines and India.

The plan is patterned after the Davis Cup system, with matches played alternately in India and the Philippines.

Dr Buencamino's offer was made at a PAAF luncheon in honour of the visiting tennis star, Nares Kurnar, who participated in the National Singles Tournament here.—United Press.

Wightman Cup

London, Mar. 1.—The Lawn Tennis Association announced today that the Wightman Cup match between the United States and Britain will be played at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in September. The exact dates are still to be arranged.—Associated Press.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

How To Bid Is Question Here.

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BY WILLIAM F. MCKENNEY

THE old feller went 'had again, after a sojourn at New York Hospital, I am back home again with a warning to take easy. One of the attending doctors at the hospital was Dr. Ralph Engle, his wife is Dr. Mary Allen Engle. The hospital provides them with an apartment, which is the scene of many an interesting bridge game.

Dr. Ralph Engle wanted to know how the bidding on today's hand should have gone, after South's pass. Sitting North, he had opened the bidding with two spades. With the South holding, his wife bid three clubs. I told him that I would prefer two no trump rather than three clubs, because I like my responses to the two-bid to show ace.

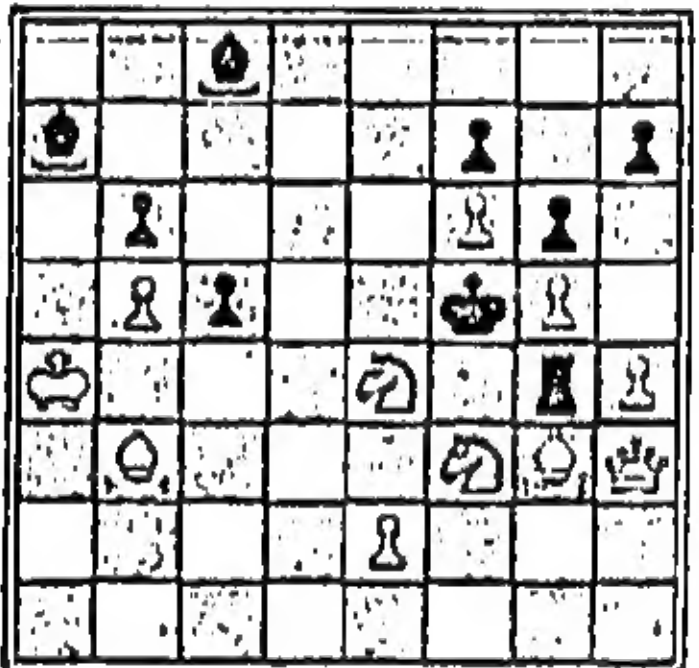
His next bid was three diamonds, and South then bid four clubs. He bid four diamonds. When South bid five clubs, the doctor figured that there ought to be a slam in the hand, so he bid five spades to tell his partner that that suit was practically solid, and to ask if she held anything that might help the hand.

South had only a singleton spade, but she also had a singleton diamond, and unless a spade was opened, North could cash the ace of diamonds, and ruff a diamond. Therefore, Dr. Mary Allen Engle bid six spades.

East's opening lead of the five of clubs was ruffed by declarer with the three of spades. He then cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a small diamond in dummy. He returned to his hand with a heart, picked up the trumps and spread the hand for the balance of the tricks, making seven-odd.

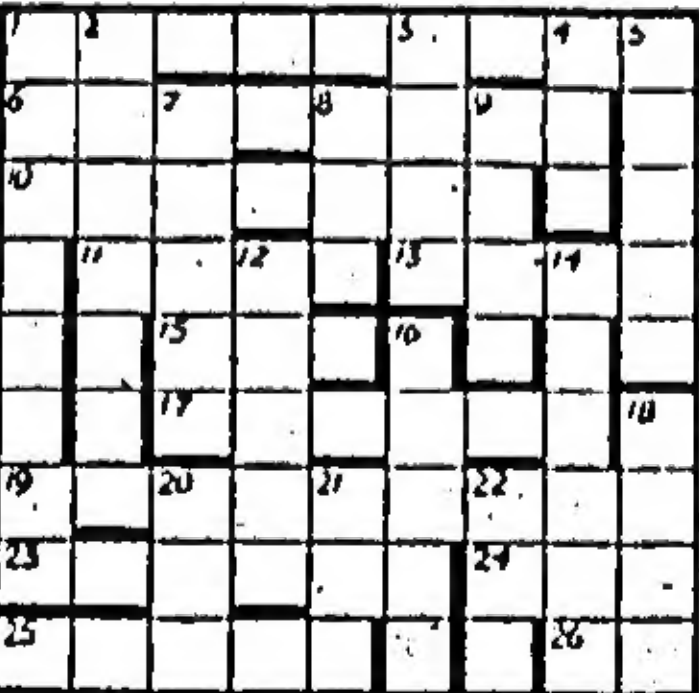
CHESS PROBLEM

By A. FOSSUM
Black, 9 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.
Write to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kt-K7, any; 2. Q, or Kt (ch, or dbl ch) mates.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Port Crane (anag.). (2-7)
2. Under. (6)
3. A torch is plunged like this. (7)
4. Tilt. (4)
5. Sounds like a high flying bird. (4)
6. Easy to reach. (3-2-4)
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DUMB BELLS

DON'T BUY JUNIOR A DRUM HE WILL DISTURB ME WITH THE NOISE!
NO HE WON'T HE'LL ONLY DRUM WHILE YOU'RE ASLEEP!



Check Your Knowledge

- Who said "Et tu Brute?"
- What is a monkey wrench?
- Name the author of "Hedra!"
- How long did William Shakespeare live?
- What is sake?
- Did the Scandinavian countries Denmark, Norway and Sweden participate in World War I?

(Answers in Column 8)

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Mr. Punch Once Knew a Giant

—He Took His Name from a Mountain—

By MAX TRELL

"DID you ever know a giant?" Knarf the shadow-boy asked his friend Mr. Punch.

Mr. Punch, who was just ready to go to sleep in his easy chair, slowly opened his eyes. "Did you say giant?"

"Yes," said Knarf, "did you ever know one?"

"Indeed I did," said Mr. Punch. "I knew one of the biggest giants that ever lived. His name was Alp."

"That's a funny name," said Knarf.

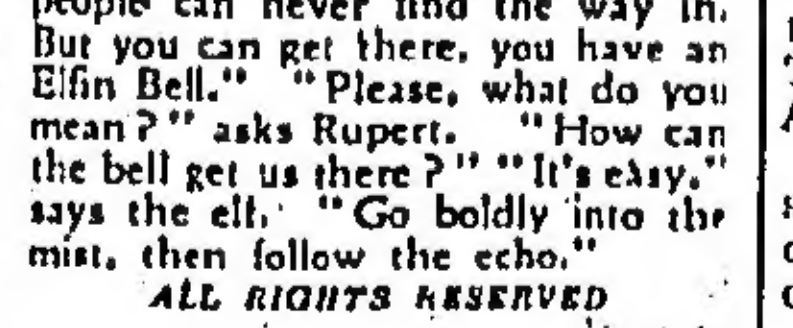
"He took it from a mountain," said Mr. Punch. "That's because he was almost as big as a mountain himself. He and I were quite good friends. We lived in the same neighbourhood, and you might say we grew up together—though of course he grew up much faster than I did. I'd often see him walking down the road, carrying an elephant under each arm."

"Under each arm?" asked Knarf. "Like the children have? I've seen them walking with an elephant under each arm, too."

Mr. Punch smiled. "No, not like that. Mr. Alp was so strong that he could pull up trees by the roots as easily as I could pull up a dandelion. His feet were so big that when he walked inside a house, he was almost half way out again."

"Why he really was big!" gasped Knarf.

"You have no idea," said Mr. Punch. "He could run as fast as the wind. It was no trouble at all for him to jump from North America to Europe, and from Europe to Africa, and from Africa to Asia, from Asia to Australia, from Australia to



Taking Rupert and Bill by a rough, steep track, the little guard goes on a pinnacle of rock, and points to where the top of a castle appears over a bank of thick mist. "That is our castle," he says. "It is always protected by mist so that ordinary people can never find the way in. But you can get there, you have an Elf Bell." "Please, what do you mean?" asks Rupert. "How can the bell get us there?" "It's easy," says the elf. "Go boldly into the mist, then follow the echo."

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BRONCHO BILL
On the Spot



MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

A FINE CRITIQUE OF THE MODERN THEATRE

THAT Eric Bentley, author of *THE MODERN THEATRE*, (Robert Hale, 12/6) does not approve of commercial Theatre as administered in the West End, Broadway and Hollywood, is clear from the earliest pages of this factual and hard-hitting critique.

"Here we must distinguish," writes Mr. Bentley, "between imaginative playwrights and those committees of businessmen and script manufacturers who put together Broadway and Hollywood shows on their intellectual assembly line. In other words we must distinguish between art and commodity in the theatre. This book is concerned with art."

It is a review of the Theatre since 1800, with particular attention given to the last 70 years. The work of Ibsen, Strindberg, Wagner, Shaw, Wilde, Pirandello, Jean Cocteau, Bertolt Brecht and Anna Paul Sartre is analysed with clarity and fairness. Naturalist drama, which developed at the end of the last century, the phase of Impressionism, of Celtic mists and dim Gothic towers, and the Expressionist phase of abstract, geometrical

design, are explained and discussed in such a way as to interest and instruct the not-so-well-informed, and to fan dialectic fire among the Theatre's more experienced devotees.

Chapter Six, called "Varieties of Comic Experience," is an examination of Comedy and its relation to Tragedy. Shaw, Wilde and Pirandello, the author says, "are the three great wits of the modern stage," and popular plays of these masters are discussed in an original way, including "Captain Brassbound's Conversion" and "Candida" by Bernard Shaw, "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, and "Right You Are" by Pirandello.

But the author intends this book to be "a sketch, a preliminary survey. It is meant to be informative and suggestive. It is not meant to finish the job. It begins." He suggests that further books, more detailed on questions he has merely had space to mention, may follow later. After reading this book, playgoers will be looking out for them.

Action and Thrills
When Kevin Bell returned to Rogue River, embittered after war service which ended with two years in a military hospital, his future prospects seemed worse than hopeless. The life he had known before the war had gone—Rosamond, whom he loved, was engaged to his enemy Gus Atwell, his mother had died—and he was in constant pain from the accident in which his jaw had been shattered and his eye-sight impaired.

ROGUE RIVER FEUD, by Zane Grey (Hodder and Stoughton, 8/6), is the story of Kevin's battle to get back into life, to reinstate himself among the people who had been more fortunate than he, and to find a way to live with the "Western fans" who will enjoy it. It is a good story, told with reality and vigour, and illustrated with fine descriptions of the exotic western American scene.

(Tomorrow—Recorded Music.)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

BORN today, you are highly adaptable and no matter what happens, you seem able to cope with it. Since you are quite sensitive to what others think of your conduct, you are always careful to "tow the line" in everything. This conformity, however, is more apt to be in social conduct, rather than in your work, with great concentration. When it is done, however, you are ready to play and it may be said that you know how to play as hard as you can work!

Attractive to the opposite sex, you are popular with your own as well. In school, you are apt to be a leader in games and sports; when adult, a leader in ideas.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A slow day, so don't try to do too much. Wait for a better one and conserve energy.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—An unexpected change may bring a new friend, or even a romance, into your life. Plan to enjoy yourself.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are cautious in all your undertakings, you can avoid difficulties and make advances.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Follow yesterday's, but don't be disturbed if necessary changes need to be made. A possible journey.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Be self-reliant, but postpone introducing new ideas, unless you are very sure that they are sound.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Moderation is needed. Be true to your own ideals, and you will be true to your future ambitions.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Definitely a poor day for you. Avoid overexpansion in business or personal affairs. Pay your bills!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Use your best judgment when it comes to dealing with your landlord. Get your rights, but don't ask the impossible.

SAGITTARIUS (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Stick closely to routine affairs if you want to avoid complications today. Romance is not favoured, either.

SCORPIO (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Guard your health and avoid waste both in personal expenditures or business expansions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be very practical, especially when it comes to planning your budget expenditures. Acquaintance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Check your personal assets and liabilities very carefully. Then proceed accordingly. Be practical.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WHEN I was small and innocent Father Christmas belonged to the frosty starlight. He came by night through the air from a mysterious land of mountains and snow, and if you listened you might hear the snorting of his reindeer and the jingle of his sleigh-bells as he stopped above your own chimneys and opened his sack of toys.

Now, I understand, he comes by bus to some big shop or office, in a hand and a beard and whiskers, which he signs for, and is photographed "wisecracking" with the children.

Prodigal? Well? Myself? Well?

Ho yes!

HONOURABLE Mr. Wiggall. We three of thinking that it possibly perhaps we three were going to Mrs. Wretch in our personality, there might be for us of persuading her spouse to convert his mind and so permit his lady to have taking part in our displaying of sea-saw at your circus. We three of thinking that the lack of our see-saw is the interest of the family which we was told is exciting. We do hold equal, equal of Father for her wear, and one wand of solver for her with to stick in jolking the belly of Ashura afore the plank is there. This is hall.

We are, ho yes, The Filthiest Trio.

Hostess swallows alligator

REVIEWING an exhibition of "semi-automatic water-colours," an art critic wrote thus: "I can only say that the ordinary canons of painting hardly apply to him. An art critic has accordingly little to say, except that if you look at his work for a while with a blank mind you become hypnotised." Which is what the little girl said of the web-footed stockbroker.

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BORN today, you are highly adaptable and no matter what happens, you seem able to cope with it. Since you are quite sensitive to what others think of your conduct, you are always careful to "tow the line" in everything. This conformity, however, is more apt to be in social conduct, rather than in your work, with great concentration. When it is done, however, you are ready to play and it may be said that you know how to play as hard as you can work!

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To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A slow day, so don't try to do too much. Wait for a better one and conserve energy.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—An unexpected change may bring a new friend, or even a romance, into your life. Plan to enjoy yourself.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are cautious in all your undertakings, you can avoid difficulties and make advances.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Follow yesterday's, but don't be disturbed if necessary changes need to be made. A possible journey.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Be self-reliant, but postpone introducing new ideas, unless you are very sure that they are sound.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Moderation is needed. Be true to your own ideals, and you will be true to your future ambitions.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Definitely a poor day for you. Avoid overexpansion in business or personal affairs. Pay your bills!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Use your best judgment when it comes to dealing with your landlord. Get your rights, but don't ask the impossible.

SAGITTARIUS (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Stick closely to routine affairs if you want to avoid complications today. Romance is not favoured, either.

SCORPIO (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Guard your health and avoid waste both in personal expenditures or business expansions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be very practical, especially when it comes to planning your budget expenditures. Acquaintance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Check your personal assets and liabilities very carefully. Then proceed accordingly. Be practical.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

WORLD STERLING SHORTAGE

Likely To Affect British Exports

(By Sydney Campbell, Rector's Financial Editor)

London, Mar. 1.—Sterling is becoming scarce in many parts of the world. Its growing scarcity is having wide effects and is likely to have more.

The strengthening of sterling is already making serious difficulties for some British exports, because overseas markets have less sterling with which to pay for them.

For the same reasons, it should tend to reduce the prices of Australian wool, Indian jute and many other sterling commodities.

Attention has been directed to the phenomenon of sterling scarcity by the sequel to the recent speech by Mr. Christopher Mayhew, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and by other "developments in the past few days.

Speaking at Lake Success, Mr. Mayhew said that Britain was at last approaching an overall balance of overseas payments.

Against those, she has an equally big surplus of soft currencies, available for investment in the sterling area or other soft currency areas, or for donation to such areas.

Since the surplus is inconceivable, there is nothing else that can be done except to throw it away by importing more or exporting less.

Britain, under Sir Stafford Cripps as Chancellor of the Exchequer, refused to do this.

This surplus of soft currencies amounts to more than Britain is at present investing abroad, plus what Britain donates to the Continent under the intra-European payments agreement and to India and other Eastern countries by reductions of their blocked sterling balances.

Thus the brunt falls on the current spendable sterling balances, many of which have fallen sharply. This has direct effects on the ability of the countries concerned to buy sterling goods.

It is likely to become a potent deflationary factor for some British export industries and for some overseas sterling commodities.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARES

This morning's turnover on the Stock Exchange was \$166,180. Transactions and noon prices:

BANKS	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSK Bank	1760	20	1735
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INDUSTRIES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
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DOCKS, ETC.	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
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UTILITIES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
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STORES, ETC.	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
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DUTCH INTENTIONS IN INDONESIA

To Transfer Full Sovereignty

ONE CONDITION

Batavia, Mar. 1. — The Netherlands Government would be prepared to postpone the Hague Conference beyond the scheduled date—March 12—but only for reasons which were really valid, Dr Louis Beel, the Dutch Royal Commissioner in Indonesia, declared here today.

He said the round-table conference will take place even without Republican participation. The Republicans have not yet replied to the invitation to attend the talks, he added. "It is the intention of The Netherlands Government to transfer full and complete sovereignty to the United States of Indonesia, which will be a Federal, democratic State in every respect, but one condition will be that the Constitution of the future United States of Indonesia should be in conformity with the Statute proposed for The Netherlands-Indonesian Union," Dr Beel declared.

"As far as the Union is concerned, it will be a question to be worked out during the conference. It is intended that the Union should be something that can grow. The transfer of sovereignty will be made without reservations," he added. "It is not the intention of The Netherlands Government to retain any reserved powers after the transfer of sovereignty." He rejected the suggestion that an accelerated transfer of sovereignty to Indonesia might be followed by chaos. He added that since the Federal Government would not have at its disposal a full administration and a military force, Netherlands troops could be used at the request of the future Federal Government.

AGREEMENT ON AIMS

Such military aid would be "solely and only" if the Federal Government should request it. The Netherlands Government would remain responsible for the maintenance of law and order in Indonesia until the sovereignty was transferred and in the meantime it was hoped the necessary steps would be taken to end the present guerrilla activity, Dr Beel said.

He added: "There is complete agreement between The Netherlands and the Security Council as regards the aims of the transfer of sovereignty. The question only is to find a way by which these aims can be reached as quickly and efficiently as possible. The Netherlands Government believes that the present plan is the best means of reaching those aims. The Netherlands Government is of the opinion that by proposing this plan, it is doing more than the Security Council asked of it in its resolution. "It is only aim is to accomplish what has been expressed in the resolution in the most realistic and the most practical manner."

NOT SUPER STATE

Dr Beel said the United States of Indonesia would be just as sovereign as The Netherlands after the transfer of sovereignty. He said The Netherlands did not consider The Netherlands-Indonesian Union as a "super State" above the United States of Indonesia.

Dr Beel denied assertions that there is a "chaotic situation" in Indonesia, but added that the Republic of the United States of Indonesia would not be capable of immediate self-administration. The Netherlands and the United States of Indonesia would therefore have to come to an agreement on the strength, deployment and use of Dutch troops. The responsibility for the maintenance of law and order would rest with the United States of Indonesia from the moment of the transfer of sovereignty.

In fixing the date for the transfer, account would have to be taken of the measures to put an end to the guerrilla fighting. Dutch Administration officials would be transferred to the United States of Indonesia if they were required.

UN RESOLUTION

Referring to the Security Council resolution, Dr Beel said it did not provide for a solution, only for procedure. The Netherlands Government considered the present plans as "definitely the best means of realising the Security Council resolution in a practical and responsible way." Whether there was to be a Federal Interim Government, now that sovereignty was to be transferred so much earlier, depended on the decisions taken at the round-table conference. Dr Beel said the Brussels Pact powers had not been consulted on the drafting of the Dutch plan.

Of India's ban on landing facilities for Dutch planes, he said: "I think India will revise its illegal decision, otherwise we shall continue to fly by way of Mauritius."

Earlier, Dr Beel said that Dr P. J. Keesing, his Chief of Cabinet, had reported today on returning to Batavia, that his talks with the Republican leaders on Banka Island, off Sumatra, had "not been unsatisfactory."

Reuter.

COMMISSION'S REPORT
Batavia, Mar. 1.—The United Nations Commission for Indonesia said today that it regarded The Netherlands' invitation to attend a round table conference at The Hague on March 12 as "a counter-proposal or substitute" for the Security Council resolution passed in January.

The Commission, in a long report covering the events of the past month, asked the Council for instruction on how to deal with the invitation. "The procedures to be adopted preliminary to the transfer of sovereignty, irrespective of the ultimate objective of The Netherlands proposals, are not those contemplated by the resolution," the report declared. "It reported a 'progressive deterioration' of the situation in Indonesia from which an 'augmented danger to world stability must result.'"

"The parties had failed to agree on establishing an interim Federal Government because of 'the failure of The Netherlands Government to accept the procedure of the resolution of January 28, and not from a mere difference of viewpoint on details of Governmental structure and functions.'"

DUTCH OBSTRUCTION
The board of military observers in Indonesia was quoted as saying that the "severe handicaps" by the Dutch refusal to allow it information or opportunities to observe areas on the Dutch side "in which unrest is said to continue."

"More than two months after the Security Council's resolution of December 24, 1948, there has been neither actual nor complete cessation of hostilities in Indonesia," the board said.

The Commission's report added: "Active warfare, both guerrilla and on a more generally organized basis, is continuing in different areas. 'Although sections of the population of Indonesia have welcomed the return of Netherlands control, in other sections there continues a condition of unrest and uncertainty. 'Despite an improvement in economic conditions in certain areas, which The Netherlands are able to control, large areas of the country still remain in general chaotic economic conditions.'—Reuter.

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A CHILD HEROINE



Republicans Out To Catch Votes

TO LAUNCH BIG PUBLIC RELATIONS DRIVE

Washington, Mar. 1.—House Republicans are getting set to launch the biggest public relations and vote-inviting drive in the history of Congress, it is disclosed today.

Though he denied that the plan resulted directly from President Truman's "Give 'em Hell" campaign, the House GOP leader, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., conceded that the chief executive's tactics did give impetus to the idea. The campaign is designed to let the voters know what Republican congressmen are doing.

Mao Tse-Tung Rival In Peiping

San Francisco, March 1.—A Moscow-trained Chinese, often said to be Communist leader Mao Tse-tung's foremost rival, has arrived in Peiping from Manchuria.

He is Li Li-san, who broke with Mao in 1928 and fled to Moscow. He was expelled from the Chinese Communist Party, but he reappeared when the Communists took over Manchuria after the war.

A Communist broadcast from North China on Tuesday said Li is "Vice-President of the All China Federation of Labour."

Li had been identified in previous dispatches as "chief of the Foreign Affairs Department" in Manchuria.

The broadcast, heard by the Associated Press at San Francisco, gave no hint of the significance of the move.

Whether it means Li actually is moving down, ready to take control on orders from Moscow, or merely is being accepted again into the Chinese Communist movement by Mao cannot be told.—Associated Press.

New Railway Bridge

Bangkok, March 1.—A British factory is building a railway bridge to replace the one across the Nakorn Chaiyoi River in South Siam, smashed by Allied aerial bombardment during the war.

The Siam government also plans soon to call for tenders in England for reconstruction of the gigantic Rama VI bridge at Nondaburi which was also destroyed in the war.—Associated Press.

RADIO CEYLON TAKEN OVER

London, Mar. 1.—Radio Ceylon, the British Broadcasting Corporation station in Ceylon, formerly Radio SEAC, was taken over by the Government of Ceylon today, the Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, Mr Philip Noel-Baker, told the House of Commons today.

The Minister said that he thought the House would welcome the transfer which, he said, "is in keeping with the fully independent status of Ceylon."

The Ceylon Government had agreed to make facilities available to the British Government to use the transmitting station for eight and a half hours a day until the new short-wave station at Singapore is ready.—Reuter.

N. ATLANTIC PACT AIMS

Anti-Red Article

Washington, Mar. 1. — The North Atlantic Pact is expected to provide for assistance to the Western European nations to resist "aggression from within"—such as Communist subversive activities. This provision would be additional to the key terms of the Alliance-resistance to any aggression on member States—it was learned authoritatively in Washington today.

Communist activities would be included in both the terms of the treaty and in determining the distribution of military supplies, legislation for which is now being drafted in the US State Department, it was further learned.

The North Atlantic Pact would thus follow the precedent set by the Rio Treaty for mutual defence in the Western Hemisphere. The Rio Treaty provides that the organ of consultation, set up by the treaty shall consider appropriate collective measures whenever a peace-threatening situation arises other than by a direct attack.

An article dealing with this was included in the present draft of the North Atlantic treaty.

U.S. RESPONSIBILITY

The officials now drafting the legislation necessary to authorize the military aid programme appears convinced today that the United States would not only have to provide supplies needed to resist an armed attack but also to assist in resisting the Communist infiltration denounced by President Truman when he inaugurated the programme of economic and military aid to Greece and Turkey.

Earlier today, the representatives of seven nations—the United States, Canada and the five Brussels Pact powers—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—met at the State Department to work out the final draft of the security pact.

It was rumored that the draft would be completed by tonight, but this was by no means certain. Attending the drafting session were Mr Dean Acheson, the US Secretary of State, and the Ambassadors of the countries concerned.

The treaty, if approved and signed, will commit each of the member countries, including the United States, to regard an attack on any of the members as an attack on itself and take action to resist the aggressor.—Reuter.

MIDDLE WEST STARTS "CO-OPS"

Kansas City, Missouri, Mar. 1. — "Co-operatives are emerging in the American Middle West as a 'middle way' between huge industry on the one hand and the mushrooming government on the other," says Howard A. Cowden, President of the Consumers' Co-operative Association.

Mr Cowden terms co-operatives "a positive answer to the dangers of growing economic concentration—a great 'equalizer' for the small-scale farmer in his contest against corporate type 'farming.'—Associated Press.

NOTICE

THE ST. PATRICK'S
SOCIETY OF
HONG KONG
St. Patrick's Day,
17th March, 1949

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance will be held in the "Gripps", Hong Kong Hotel. A circular has been forwarded to all Members giving fullest details, but in the event of non-delivery Members are requested to apply to the Hon. Secretary for further copies.

All persons of Irish Association not yet members are cordially invited to join the Society. Membership application forms may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

DENIS G. SHERRIFF,
Hon. Secretary,
P. O. Box No. 616

Roberta Lee Mason (left), 14, lies swathed in bandages in a Chicago hospital as she is visited by three of her brothers and sisters. Roberta proved herself a heroine when she saved her five brothers and sisters, including the three in the picture, from a fire which destroyed their home in suburban Des Plaines.—AP Picture.

US Relaxes Purge Rules In Japan

MacArthur Given New Directive

Washington, Mar. 1.—The United States is relaxing its three-year-old "purge" rules for Japan.

These rules have automatically barred thousands of Japanese from public life. Diplomatic authorities said today a formal directive to General Douglas MacArthur will permit the re-examination of many junior Army officers and smaller officials to see whether they should be given clean bills.

This directive is one of two sent to General MacArthur recently by the Joint Chiefs of Staff—the military heads of the Army, Navy and Air Force—and submitted to the 11 nation Far Eastern Commission, the advisory agency on occupation policy.

The other directive is said to call for review of an earlier order which decentralized Japanese police forces.

MACARTHUR CONSULTED
Officials said General MacArthur was consulted in advance on both moves. Japan is in with the developing American "dress on restoring" Japan's economic and political life in order to lessen the former enemy country's dependency on American support.

A purge of Japanese wartime officials and military leaders has been in effect for more than three years. Gen. MacArthur issued a detailed order on January 4, 1946, based on the Potsdam, big three declaration that "there must be eliminated for all time the authority and influence of those who have deceived and misled the people of Japan into embarking on world conquest."

The 1946 order barred large classes of individuals without regard to any evidence as to the extent to which they might have been involved personally in Japan's aggressive policy. Instead, all commissioned officers of the Army and Navy and the special volunteer reserve.

Under the new directive, authorities said privately, individuals in some of the classes may be re-examined to determine whether their war roles were merely routine.

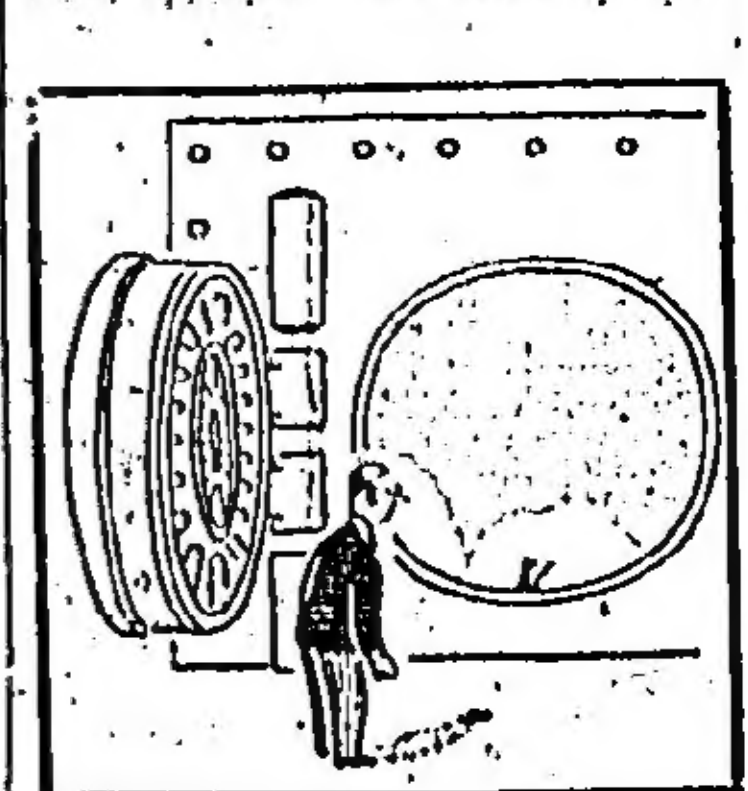
The Japanese police organization was decentralized by General MacArthur's order in the early days of the occupation. The idea was to break up the tight totalitarian system of control which the Japanese had set up before Pearl Harbor.

Officials who told of the decision to review this policy said the big question now is whether the Japanese police could cope with large scale Communist or other disorders.—Associated Press.

Banishment For British Subjects

Singapore, March 1.—Seventeen British subjects were among 142 "undesirable" persons banished today by the Malayan Government. The British subjects had been convicted by the Courts since the beginning of the year.—Associated Press.

POCKET CARTOON



Herbert Opposes Union

NEWFOUNDLAND AND CANADA

London, Mar. 1.—Sir Alan Herbert, Independent Member of Parliament, will tomorrow table a motion in the House of Commons conditionally declining to approve the Canadian-Newfoundland agreement of last December, by which Newfoundland would enter the Canadian Confederation.

The motion is on the second reading of the British North American Bill, which enables Britain to confirm and give effect to the terms of the union.

Sir Alan's motion will be supported by seven Conservatives, one Ulster Unionist, and one Liberal Member.

TERMS OF MOTION

The motion reads: "This House, without prejudice to the merits of the proposed union of the Dominions of Canada and Newfoundland, is not satisfied that the procedure preliminary to the introduction of this Bill has been constitutionally correct and just, is not persuaded that the will of Newfoundland has been established as clearly and unmistakably as is necessary for a surrender of sovereignty and a lasting change of status, and observing that the terms of the union have been debated in the Canadian Parliament for a fortnight but have not been debated in Newfoundland at all, declined to approve the agreement until it has been considered and approved by the Legislature of Newfoundland and an Address presented to His Majesty."

Under the agreement for a union, which will come into force on March 31 next if approved by the British Parliament, Newfoundland will be incorporated into Canada as a 10th province.

In a referendum in Newfoundland in June last, the votes showed that 78,323 were for confederation and 71,334 were for responsible Government.—Reuter.

ANNA STRONG SERIOUSLY ILL

New York, Mar. 1.—Anna Louise Strong, American woman journalist, expelled from Russia as a spy 15 days ago, is seriously ill, suffering from exhaustion, her Counsel said today.

He added that he would ask for her to be excused from appearing today before the United States Federal Grand Jury investigating subversive activities.—Reuter.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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